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SUBJECT: FIRST CLASS TRAVEL BY OECD SECRETARIAT
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1. OECD TRAVEL REGS WERE AMENDED JANUARY 1, 1977, AND
PRESENT REGULATION SDG(76)59 READS AS FOLLOWS:

"WHERE AN OFFICIAL IS AUTHORISED TO TRAVEL BY
AIR, HE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THE REIMBURSEMENT
OF THE PRICE OF THE AIR TICKET, AS FOLLOWS:

A) ON FLIGHTS OF LESS THAN NINE HOURS:

ALL GRADES - TOURIST OR ECONOMY CLASS;

B) ON FLIGHTS EXCEEDING NINE HOURS:

GRADES A7 AND A6 - FIRST CLASS;

OFFICIALS OF OTHER GRADES MAY BE AUTHORIZED
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BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TRAVEL FIRST
CLASS, IF, FOR SOUND REASONS, THE FLIGHT
CANNOT BE INTERRUPTED BY ONE OR MORE
STOP-OVERS.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS INSTRUCTION, NO ACCOUNT
SHALL BE TAKEN OF STOP-OVERS OF LESS THAN TWO

HOURS. IF THE STOP-OVER IS MORE THAN TWO HOURS, EVERY FLIGHT SECTION SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS A SEPARATE FLIGHT. THE DURATION OF THE FLIGHT SHALL BE DETERMINED ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULED TIMES OF TAKE-OFF AND LANDING. NO ACCOUNT SHALL BE TAKEN OF UNFORESEEN DELAYS EN ROUTE."

2. THIS RULE IS STRICTLY ENFORCED. UNCLASSIFIED STAFF (DEPUTY SEC-GENS AND SPECIAL COUNSELORS) ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FIRST CLASS TICKETS ON ALL TRAVEL, BUT IN PRACTICE, TRAVEL ECONOMY ON INTRA-EUROPEAN HOPS.

3. MISSION SEES NO REASON TO CHANGE THIS RULE, BUT BEST OCCASION FOR SUCH A DISCUSSION WOULD BE DURING OCTOBER-NOVEMBER MEETINGS OF BUDGET COMMITTEE WHEN TRAVEL BUDGET FOR 1979 WILL BE DISCUSSED.
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